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EDITORIAL NOTES.

- ** Printers are forming Weaver clubs in Nebraska
- ** People's party clubs are being sistency, thou art a jewel." formed in New Hampshire.
- ** The New Forum remarks that the people are in a position where they "must either vote out or shoot out."
- ** If all the money in the land was in the banks they could pay their depositors 10 cents; in gold 2 cents or in gold and silver 3 cents on the dollar.
- ** The News and Observer says the Democratic party can stand a big defection in the State and still carry it of the Newton Enterprise, that a Peofor Cleveland, but auds "We may lose the la ... ature."
- ** American farmers own 22 per cent. of the wealth of this country, and they pay 80 per cent. of the taxes. Is this just? Will it be remedied by either of the old parties?
- ** Say, have you heard from South Carolina? Have you heard from Alabama? Reform is on top in both States. Hurrah! Hurrah!! Two more Congressmen in S. C. Hurrah!
- ** The vote in the late election in Alabama has shown one thing with great emphasis, and that is that 70 out of every 100 of the white men of that State expect to vote for Weaver and Field.
- ** The Seventh Congressional dis trict Democratic convention of Kansas endorsed Jerry Simpson for Congress by a vote of 73 to 36. Jerry, as we have before remarked, is a hummer with
- ** Why should Carnegie under his high protection for American labor be permitted to employ 29 foreigners to every five native-born American? Perhaps Maj Bill McKinley can
- ** We have it very straight that the month to work up the "coons" in some sections of our State. Well that's the way it is said they did in Alabama.
- party rally and Weaver and Field flag feel much better when he sees his raising at Bethel Pitt county, on Fri- wages reduced 50 per cent. since 1860. day, September 9th. Good speakers Now what are we going to do about it? will be on hand.
- nor millionaires in America. Now the party had the Senate and House in United States can boast of 5,000 mil- 1878 Nothing but a Republican Presilionaires, and 800 tramps to each millionaire. How is this for the work of have dared to veto any law they the old parties.
- that has so worked legislation in this country as to give one-half of the property into the possession of 25,000 people? Statistics show this. Let's bill and abolish national banks. Yet have a change.
- ** There must be quite a wide difference in the prices paid for People's party men. One was bought over by the g. o. p. for a dog and another cost them \$250. The g. o. p. is "reclaiming at the repeated attempts to blacken backsliders" that way.
- Wade, Cumberland county, says that will remember that this is not the first quences and remedies constitute "the township gave Cleveland 250 votes time so called "war records" have silver question."

four years ago. It now has a Cleveland and Carr club with 20 members-

- ** The grit of members of the Alli ance is now being severely tested. It you ever thought reform necessary and ever expect it, now is the time to show your hand. If you know what Bureau." Yet he never was a "genyour duty is, do not hesitate to perform it. If you don't know, try to find where he is said to have done the "bad
- ** It is stated that our ships of war are anchored near the famous summer resorts. There is a scarcity of young men at most of them, and the navy comes in mighty handy. Those who are voting to spend the people's money for this band of dudes are betraying their trust.
- ** The old parties hired all the halls in Conby, Minn., in order to shut out the People's party, but the Populists built a plank board hall 120 feet by 60. It took 25 men 11 days to put up the structure, and the result was that Yel low Medicine had the largest political rally since the war.
- *** Carnegie asks for protection for American labor. He gets it and puts it in his pocket at the rate of \$5,000 per another office? State the one at which | day and calls on his laborers to work for less to increase his protection. It really seems that his hirelings in Washington have been more obedient to his demands than his more honest ones at home.
- ** It is stated that Mr. Stevenson. Democratic nominee for Vice Presi dent, will speak at various points in Our friends in writing to any of the State during this month. We don't know anything about the nature of his speeches, but no doubt the people of the State will tender him all the courtesies that "a stranger within our closures have been as follows, in four gates" is entitled to.
 - ** We again ask the permission of the chair to state that several Alliance leaders advised the people to get reform anywhere they could, regard less of party. They did it on the stump and with pen and paper. Now why do they take the other side and try to hold the people back? "Con-
 - ** Shall the people own the rail roads or the railroads own the people? The area of the original thirteen States was 392,000 square miles. Grants to railroads amount to 325,000 square miles. Think on this, farmers; it's a serious question. Eight per cent. o the average cost of what you buy or sell goes to transportation account.
 - ** We stated last week, on authority ple's party man in Catawba county had along a street in Raleigh with someweek. Suppose another People's party man has been sold at a reduced price.
 - laws of the State certainly are not enforced or else all the Pesople's party penitentiary long ago." We can been put in the penitentiary, but why
 - failed to make out a case any other way, now accuses the editor of this paper of saying that Broadway street, New York, had elevated railways. We never said it. The Winston 'tenderfoot" will have to try something else, for instance say that we have reported that Mars is inhabited and composed of green gourds.
- *** The most profitable farming in the West is by those who cultivate mortgages. Their products have yielded them an increased profit. The census shows 51 per cent. in [1860; 7 per cent. the Democrats are hiring negroes by in 1870; 9 per cent. in 1880, and 14 per cent. in 1890. The honest Western farmer is tired of this when he is reaping profits decreasing as follows: In 1860 22 per cent; in 1870 13 per cent. ** We are requested to announce in 1880 14 percent; in 1890 10 percent. that there will be a grand People's and the Western farm laborer does not
- ** "We have never had any ** In 1776 there were neither tramps | chance," says the Democrats. The dent stood in the way, and he wouldn't passed, for he was the head of the Re-** Is it not time to change a system | publican party and the responsibility would have rested on the party. That Senate and House was elected pledged to reduce the tariff, pass a free coinage the first thing done was to elect Samuel J. Randall, a high protectionist and banker, Speaker of the House. No
- chance! No chance! Bah! the reputation of Gen. Weaver by pub-** A correspondent writing from lishing his "war record." Our friends The alleged fall, its causes, conse-

been published. These "records" are false, that is enough to say about the full strength of the Cleveland them. Gen. Weaver was not "a general" until long after these things are said to have occurred. Our readers will remember that Col. Polk was a very bad "General" during the late war according to the "Slander eral" and never was at the places acts" as reported by the "Slander Bureau."

> ** We have received quite a number of long communications from gentlemen in various counties, defending themselves against charges made in county papers. They say their county papers refuse to publish their side of the case. We regret that we cannot publish them, but this paper has a wide field to look after and cannot do it justice, and must not undertake to settle local differences. If people would quit paying for papers that refuse to do them justice after slandering them, a little while, they would soon come to their senses. As long as people read papers that treat them badly they may expect bad treatment, Make your local papers treat you right and they will not try to do otherwise.

----THEY ARE GOING.

Ten or more great Western States are going solidly into the People's party this year. Why? Our answer is found in the fact, as shown by census re turns, that foreclosures of mortgages have been increasing since 1860. The cause has been found in bad legisla tion, and neither of the old parties have tried to check it. How does the census show this? Answer. Foreyears out of 21:

1860-\$15,000,000. 1870—\$28,000,000.

1880-\$41,000,000. 1890-\$63,000,000.

They say this thing must stop.

THE VALUE OF SILVER.

The Electric, a new paper published monthly and "entered at the Raleigh postoffice for transportation through the mails as a high class journal at regular rates under the second classification," in an editorial under the above heading, says that "it costs on an average about 41 cents an ounce to it at 83 cents and make a good profit on it." Here the editor of this "highclass journal" is either at fault or else ica is at fault. Now which is it? The been bought over, the price paid was latter says: "In nearly all silver ores a fox hound. We saw a dog going there is some gold, in nearly all gold ores there is some silver. In the £70, thing white tied to his tail one day last | 000,000 (\$338,800,000) worth of metal produced from the Comstock lode of Nevada, nearly one half in value concitizen of this State recently "that the reasons it is impossible to determine gold and silver from all the mines durcandidates would have been in the ing any reasonably long period of time. If recent statistics are to be trusted understand why Democrats have not both metals are produced on the average at a loss. Such is alleged to have have the Republicans been allowed to been the case in California, Australia and Nevada, countries whose combined ** The Twin City Daily having product has equaled in value £600,000, 000 (\$2,904,000,000.)

The writer of the editorial in the by asking, after the above statement ly the St. Louis Conference platform, would it be fair for A owing B \$1,000 in gold to pay it with silver worth only \$640." And adds. "It might be business; it might make some people rich and afford relief to others."

While we know of no instance where Mr. A, the agriculturist, has been the hands of Mr. B, the banker or currency as our population increased and other developments and necessities was enabled to exact twice as much of for it. the product of Mr. A's farm to pay the \$1,000 in gold as it would have taken at the time the debt was made, and A might be business. It might make ful study one will clearly see that it is people rich and afford relief to others." to whom riches or relief have come?

The Encyclopedia Brittanica says: 'The closure of the mints of all important commercial countries to silver while they have remained open to the ** We have been amused no little being quoted in gold. This phenome- politics" by adopting the St. Louis non appears as a "fall in silver" by which term it is generally known.

BASE FALSEHOODS.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER tries to keep out of personal and partisan politics as much as possible, but there are times when we take advantage of the rights given us by the American Constitution, and say a word in defense of

Last week the State and United States were flooded with telegrams sent out from Goldsboro in an effort to injure Dr. W. P. Exum, People's party candidate for Governor. These telegrams stated that Dr. Exum had been arrested for using "profane and indecent language in the postoffice' there, and that the postmaster swore out the warrant. It was further stated that a warrant for perjury had been sworn out by the postmaster against Exum, who it was alleged, had sworn positively that he did not use the language. Now for the facts:

Dr. Exum was in the postoffice when Mr. Roscower, editor of the Headlight, came up. Dr. Exum called to him and signed " Why don't he "unanimousgave him a sound lecture, told him he ly" and "heartily" give his endorsehad been lying on him, etc. Roscower went off and swore out a warrant charging Exum with "profane and indecent language," at the telegrams stated. Dr. Exum was fined \$5 and costs. The prosecution was malicious and no other man in Wayne county, (unless it is some People's party man) would have been fined a cent under the circumstances. It is understood the old Democratic ship by ridiculing that a number of bourbon Democrats, of which Goldsboro can boast some of the meanest on earth, were in the court and were calling on the court "to fine it would make a difference. But the the Governor," while another man was on trial for contempt of court, for some remark made during the trial of Exum.

The Goldsboro postmaster had noth ing to do with the business, and says that the language of Dr. Exum was in his usual tone and not in any way such as to call for trial.

The Goldsboro Agricultural Bee, received since the above was written, says Roscower swcre out a warrant charging Dr. Exum with perjury, but withdrew the charge the same after noon. The Bee says Roscower leaves himself open to a charge of perjury as he failed to sustain his charge of per jury against Dr. E um.

SOME FACTS.

We understand that Mr. E. C. Beddingfield is doing much good work for produce silver, and the miner can sell the People's party. As two of the Commissioners are now in the office of the Railway Commission, we hope the Democratic bosses will keep Mr. Bedthe editor of the Encyclopedia Brittan- dingfield on the stump until the elec tion is over.

It is said that Mr. Beddingfield has been reading the obligations taken by members of the Alliance on the stump to show that members are not under any obligations to vote the People's party ticket. (Are they to vote ** A traveling man remarked to a sisted of gold. For this and other any other?) He has no business to carry the ritual around and read any the general average cost of producing part of it publicly. It is reported that he said "anybody can buy the ritual from the State Secretary." Secretary Barnes authorizes us to say that he has never sent out any rituals to any body nor sold any nor given away any to anybody except to Secretaries who were entitled to them.

Mr. Beddingfield also claims that the Alliance is being injured "by going into politics," and that the Omaha high class journal evidently thinks he platform contains no Alliance prinhas a clincher, as he proceeds to show ciples. The Omaha platform is exactwith free coinage of gold and some resolutions added, that Mr. Beddingfield went to St. Louis and helped to make. He was one of the nine delegates from this State and acknowledged his endorsement by signing an address to the people of the State along with the robbed of \$640 in silver or the worth of other eight after they came back. This it, to liquidate a \$1,000 gold debt in address has been published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER twice since Feb broker, we think we can easily show ruary 22d. This address contained the instances whereby the demonetization platform and Mr. Beddingfield enof silver and the contraction of the dorsed it, for the address says: "It is gratifying to state that all the Southern States were represented in the for money were constantly increasing, body, and every delegate voted for the

The Alliance did not go into politics, for in the address they say: "While some parts of the above platform may was helpless in B's hands. In the land seem at a mere glance to make partisan guage of the "high-class" journal "this political distinctions, yet upon a carenon partisan; and further, will be im-Do our farmers know any among them | pressed with the truth of its premises, framed it."

framed it had ability" when Mr. Bedsilver or other commodities about one partisan" then, why has the North a fraud as the high tariff advocate. fourth. The price of uncoined silver | Carolina State Alliance "gone into a jewel."

crats and leading Alliancemen" work first thing done was to elect Samuel They propose to win.

with all their might to get Mr. Beddingfield in as delegate from this Congressional district to the St. Louis. Conference? Yes. Well, he came back and told them what he had done as delegate and signed that address. Didn't they all endorse him? In that same address Mr. Beddingfield and his eight associates say: "We assert that a political organization, representing the political principles herein stated, is necessary to redress the grievances him no more. It is well, No race of which we complain." Now why ought to be arrayed on one side in a don't Mr. Beddingfield stand by the other eight delegates since the P. ople's party has adopted their platform-the platform they helped to make-instead of going over the State speaking against it and trying to bring reproach upon the Alliance, its officers and organs? They say in that address at another place: "The undersigned, therefore, heartily and unanimously gave their siveley that there are changes going endorsement to these principles. Mr. Beddingfield was one of the "under- this. It is the only common sense ment now? That was only six months ago. The address was published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER about March 1st, and again on August 2nd. Why didn't Mr. Beddingfield deny it then? Why didn't he open his mouth against the whole business? Instead of that

must look for it in that direction. In this same address we find the following: "We declare our union and in lependence." We assert our purpose to support the political organization which represents our principles." Mr. Beddingfield signed that. Is he doing the bullion market for more than it? Has the party that he is speaking two hundred years."

he waited until the campaign opened

and is now on the stump trying to save

the St. Louis demands. If the National

Democratic Convention or the Repub-

lican had adopted anything like them,

People's party is the only one that has,

hence those who really want reform

for got these principles in its platform? The address also says: "They (meaning the old parties) propose to drown the outcries of a plundered peo ple with the uproar of a sham bittle over the tariff." Now we ask if Mr. Beddingfield is not helping in this very thing in his speeches throughout the State? Fellow-citizens of North Caro lina, you must get your eyes open. Be

DOES HE?

It is announced that State Auditor Sanderlin has been and will continue to make stump speeches during the campaign. We are wondering if he will make speeches like he made in a recent meeting of Wake County Alliance.

In that speech he said: "Brethren, your hands are crossed and tied. If you do not stand firmly upon your platform and vote to have your principles enacted into law, your feet will also soon be tied."

WILL THEY SUCCEED?

A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee and others has been called to meet in Raleigh on the 6th, the day before the Republican State Convention meets. It is supposed that 1873-78. the object is to make a trade with some of the Republican leaders and induce them to put out a State ticket. Most of the best element in the party is said to be opposed to a State ticket.

It is rumored that Chairman Simmons hired a negro to run for Congress in the Second district in addition to be beaten." And my friend, why are the regular Republican nominees and you a Republican? "Because I am thereby, and by other dark methods. got himself elected to Congress. We wonder if he is trying some such in both old parties feel about it. They methods to sell out and defeat the wishes of the best people in North Carolina.

HERE GOES.

The Monroe Enquirer tells great (?) reform is absolutely necessary, y things about what the "tariff for revenue only" policy would do. We have strike out boldly for the shore. already shown that Cleveland could not reduce the tariff any lower owing your eyes some night at midnight and Mr. B, the gold bug broker in money platform." So Mr. Beddingfield voted to his extravagant pension grabbing. see a fiend setting fire to your house So there is no use in talking and try- imperiling your property and the live ing to fool the people with that old. of your family, your first impuls chestnut. It is as absurd as the force bill or the editor of the Enquirer himself-all of them are chestnuts.

As we see it there is no prospect of lives of your family, your property tariff reform in either of the old parties. Many of the Democrats elected to Congress are avowed high protectionists. and the ability of the committee who The Omaha platform pronounces the present system of so-called protection So it was "non partisan" and a fraud. That has the right ring. hand. You needn't shoot anybody not "true" and the "committee who The whole thing is a fraud of the blackest sort, and the Democrat that is vote, "the People's party proposed free coinage of gold at a fixed valua- dingfield came back. Why is it not goes before the people promising "a to do the rest," Let the bosses take tion, has enhanced the purchasing just as good since the Omaha Conven- reduction" of the tariff or talking care of the old parties, and you volve power of gold, compared with either tion adopted it? If it was "non- about "to a revenue basis" is as much for yourself and family.

We repeat that thinking people no longer have any hope of "tariff re platform? "Oh! consistency, thou art form" from the Democratic party, party County Convention was largely anymore than they have from the attended, enthusiastic and harmonious. Didn't Mr. J. C. Scarborough, Capt. Republican. In 1878 the Senate and A full county ticket was nominated Coke and other "prominent Demo House were both Democratic. The and Patton endorsed for Congress.

J. Randall, a high protectionist from Pensylvania, elected by aid of Repub. lican votes, Speaker of the House Away with you tariff tomfoolery You can't fool the people any longer with broken promises and nonsense

GETTING BADLY MIXED

It seems that the festive darkey going into all parties and the place that now knows him will soon know republic. A negro preacher refused to marry a "Democratic nigger" at Sali bury recently. Negroes have organ. ized Cleveland Clubs in some places But the best evidence comes from Ala bama. In the recent election them nearly all the negroes voted for Jones the straight bourbon Democrat, against Kolb Alliancemen. This shows conch on. We cannot say a word against way to settle the race question, Is the races divide in politics and the race question is a-thing of the past.

SILVER AND GOLD.

RATIO.

Spain placed the ratio between silver and sold at 10% to 1 in 1497. After the discovery of America the precious metals poured into the Spanish coffee until she was able to dictate the ratio to the world. She then established the ratio at 131 to 1. Later on Portugal got the run on the precious metals and in 1688 she fixed the governing ratio at 16 to 1, which ratio has ruled ever since, with the exception of about 40 years, in Spanish and British America and the United States. Spain changed to 15 to 1 and France in 1785 to 154 to 1, her present ratio. "These three his torical ratios and their bearings each upon the others have influenced legislation on the subject, and governed

FREE AND UNLIMITED COINAGE. Free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver was permitted in Eng. land as far back as 1666 (act 18, Charles II.) The crown fixed the nominal values of gold and silver coins and their relative market values. Since then free and unlimited coinage of

these metals has become and remained universal among the leading commercial nations for nearly 200 years. GOLD BUG SCHOOL. In 1739 the monometal school began to urge the adoption of a single metal currency, and kept up the agitation until in 1808 Lord Liverpool championed the move. He was followed by DeQuiney in 1849, and Chevalier in 1856, strengthening and spreading its teachings. Their policy was practically adopted in Holland and England in the 18th century but not fully adopted by England until 1816, but further conquests were slow until comparative ly recent dates. Their doctrines were

1874, and in the United States II PATRIOTIC (?) REASONS.

accepted by the Monetary Conference

at Paris, June 20, 1867; by the Com-

mercial Confederation at Berlin, Octo

ber, 1868; practically by Germany in

1871, and since then by several other

States, including Japan; in France in

There are many people in the South, all over the country, in fact, who an swer questions about this way: "Why are you a Democrati" "Because I am afraid the Republican party will not afraid the Democrats will get into power." That is exactly the way many don't seem to realize that there ! nothing to lose, no matter which of the "two twins" win, nor how much would be gained if the new giant should will There are thousands who know the they have not the moral courage

Let us illustrate. If you should ope would be to shoot the scoundrel and you would be justified in doing to Now the old parties are imperiling the getting you deeper in debt, fording you to take less than cost for your farm products and compelling you to pay more than the value of everything you buy. Yet you don't move your do anything rash. All you have to do

Mr. B. F. Teaster, of Watauga county, writes us that the People's